

about the health of millions of Californians that are dependent upon a reliable water supply. I'm speaking on behalf of farmers, farm workers, and people who live in our cities.

This manmade—with the aid of Mother Nature—drought crisis will not go away. It could go a fourth year. We are living on borrowed time to fix California's broken water system. Wishful thinking will not wish it away.

With over 30 lawsuits pending on two biological opinions, we can't have the courts making the most important decisions. It is time that we take action. Now is the time for the Federal Government to keep its commitment to being a partner in helping to solve California's water problems. We need administrative flexibility immediately. We need near-term assistance with the Two-Gates and Intertie projects. And in the long term, we must address all the stressors that are impacting water quality and fisheries in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. And finally, we need to increase our water supply.

This is not, nor should it be, a partisan issue.

GOVERNMENT HEALTH CARE FORCE-FEEDS TAX INCREASES

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, one of the things I heard most from my neighbors at recent town hall health care meetings is they don't want the government in charge of their health. They believe government-run health care means rationing and substandard treatment. And the people in southeast Texas don't want the additional \$800 billion tax increases to pay for what is yet more government intrusion into their lives.

This massive 1,017-page bill requires heavyhanded tax increases to pay for all the new government programs that don't treat one patient, nor will they provide for a healthier America. In this time of economic hardship, no one in America should be force-fed tax increases to pay for this glittering illusion that Big Government is the answer.

America has the best health care in the world. There are problems, such as affordability and access, but complete government takeover is not the answer. Fix these problems rather than destroy American health care.

Does anyone really think the government can do a better job of running the entire medical health of this Nation? This government-run health care plan will have the competence of FEMA, the efficiency of the Post Office, and the compassion of the IRS.

And that's just the way it is.

CONGRATULATING BELLA VISTA POLICE CHIEF JIM WOZNIAK

(Mr. BOOZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bella Vista Police Chief Jim Wozniak, who has devoted his life to protecting the public, upholding the law, and serving his country.

Wozniak is retiring at the end of September after 38 years in law enforcement, the last 14 as the head of the Bella Vista Police Department. He helped the department grow from nine officers to 20, and he is always looking for ways to improve the police force and the services it offers. He is proud of his department, and rightfully so, because he makes sure his staff put the people first.

His coworkers describe him as a man with a big heart, and I describe him as a friend. Bella Vista will undoubtedly be losing an amazing man who contributed to the safety of the community. We were blessed to have such caring, devoted citizens as Jim.

I commend him for his service as well as his good work and wish him continued success in the future. I ask my colleagues today to join with me in honoring Jim Wozniak, a wonderful public servant who is, and always will be, dedicated to the people of Bella Vista.

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WE'D BETTER LISTEN

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the American people. I had five town-hall meetings this summer. I did a tele-townhall in which I had 19,000 people on the line.

With all due respect, Mr. Speaker, I saw no mobs. I saw nothing that was un-American. I saw no evil mongers out there. I saw average, everyday Americans coming to my townhall meetings in ones and twos and threes, not being bussed in by anybody. They were educated about the issue of health care. They understood what was on the floor. These people are concerned about what we might do here. They are also concerned about taxes, spending, debt, and the size of the Federal Government. No, they were not American mobs. These were real Americans, expressing what they're allowed to do under the Constitution in the best way they can, directly speaking with their Members of Congress. We'd better listen.

GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE AND FISCAL IR- RESPONSIBILITY

(Mr. LAMBORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, since Democrats took control of Washington last January, they have gone on an un-

precedented spending spree with the American taxpayers' credit card. It began with a \$1 trillion stimulus bill, which has only stimulated more government and more debt. Then came a more than \$400 billion omnibus spending bill, followed by a \$3.5 trillion budget for the next fiscal year. Budget officials predict that this year's deficit will reach an historic level of nearly \$2 trillion—money borrowed from our children and grandchildren.

After 6 months of fiscal irresponsibility, they are now pushing for a government takeover of health care that will grow our national debt and will do little to extend quality care to the American people. Despite raising more than \$800 billion in new taxes to pay for this plan, we will also go into debt by \$239 billion over the next 10 years to pay for it.

Republicans have a better plan for health care reform, one that does not saddle our children and grandchildren with a mountain of new debt.

EIGHT YEARS OF RUINOUS REPUBLICAN CONTROL

(Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to respond to some of what I've just heard on the floor of the House of Representatives. I think it's important to know—and certainly my constituents do—that the crushing debt left behind from the last 8 years of ruinous Republican control was a debt inherited by this Congress and this administration because of Republican policies, of the refusal to pay for the programs they undertook, of the willingness to allow PAYGO legislation to expire, to provide a medical care provision in the Medicare D prescription drug benefit that was not paid for, and to have two ruinous wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that were off budget. I think it's important that our constituents understand who was responsible for the debt we now have to manage and the debt we have to get away from.

PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 179) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 179

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of receiving such communication as the President of the United States shall be pleased to make to them.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

DEAFY GLADE LAND EXCHANGE ACT

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1043) to provide for a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Mendocino National Forest in the State of California, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1043

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Deafy Glade Land Exchange Act".

SEC. 2. LAND EXCHANGE, MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST, CALIFORNIA.

(a) LAND EXCHANGE REQUIRED.—If Solano County, California (in this section referred to as the "County") conveys to the Secretary of Agriculture all right, title, and interest of the County in and to four parcels of land consisting of a total of approximately 160 acres identified on the map entitled "Fouts Springs-Deafy Glade Federal and Non-Federal Lands" and dated July 17, 2008, the Secretary shall convey to the County, in exchange, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the parcel of land in the Mendocino National Forest in the State of California (including any improvements on the land) comprising approximately 82 acres and known as the Fouts Springs Ranch, as also depicted on the map.

(b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map referred to in subsection (a) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service. With the agreement of the County, the Secretary may make technical corrections to the map and the legal descriptions of the land to be exchanged under this section.

(c) LAND EXCHANGE PROCESS.—Section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716) shall apply to the land exchange under this section.

(d) SURVEY AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The exact acreage and legal description of the land to be exchanged under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary. The costs of the survey and any administrative costs related to the land exchange shall be borne by the County.

(e) CONDITION ON USE OF CONVEYED LAND.—As a condition of the conveyance to the County under subsection (a), the County shall agree to continue to use the land acquired by the County under such subsection for purposes consistent with the purposes listed in the special use authorization for the Fouts Springs Ranch in effect as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(f) EASEMENT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may grant an easement to provide continued access to, and maintenance and use of, the facilities covered by the special use authorization referred to in subsection (e) as necessary for the continued operation of the Fouts Springs Ranch conveyed under subsection (a).

(g) MANAGEMENT OF ACQUIRED LAND.—The lands acquired by the Secretary under subsection (a) shall be added to and administered as part of the Mendocino National Forest and managed in accordance with the Act of March 1, 1911 (commonly known as the Weeks Act; 16 U.S.C. 480 et seq.) and the laws and regulations applicable to the National Forest System.

(h) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The land exchange under subsection (a) shall be subject to such additional terms and conditions as the Secretary and the County may agree upon.

(i) CANCELLATION OF PORTION OF UNOBLIGATED BALANCE IN FLREA SPECIAL ACCOUNT.—The amount available for obligation as of the date of the enactment of this Act from the unobligated balance in the special account established for the Forest Service under section 807 of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6806) is reduced by a total of \$60,000, and the amount so reduced is hereby cancelled.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GRIJALVA) and the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous materials on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

Mr. GRIJALVA. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1043 provides for a land exchange between the Forest Service and Solano County, California. Solano County currently has a special use permit from the Forest Service to operate the Fouts Springs Youth Correctional Facility on 82 acres of land in the Mendocino National Forest. The county has been working diligently for years to acquire wilderness-quality forest lands to exchange with the Forest Service in order to acquire the lands occupied by the youth correctional facility. The lands the Forest Service would acquire are wilderness-quality lands bordering the Snow Mountain Wilderness Area, and have been identified as priority areas for acquisition dating as far back as 1992. The land exchange would be for equal value.

Mr. Speaker, the chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, Chairman GEORGE MILLER, is to be commended for his efforts on behalf of Solano County and this youth facility. An earlier version of this legislation passed the House last year by voice vote. I ask my colleagues to, once again, support the passage of this measure.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LAMBORN. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the majority has adequately and has very well explained this bill. I don't believe there is anything to add at this time.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I would yield as much time as he may consume to the chairman of the Education and Labor Committee, Mr. GEORGE MILLER, for his comments on his legislation, H.R. 1043.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1043, the Deafy Glade Land Exchange Act. I want to thank Chairman RAHALL and Chairman GRIJALVA of the Natural Resources Committee and the minority for bringing this legislation to the floor. As it was noted, this similar legislation passed on a voice vote in the last Congress.

The Fouts Springs Youth Facility has been managed by Solano County, Colusa County, and their partners for nearly 50 years. The bill before the House today guarantees that they can continue to do their good work. Fouts Springs has helped rehabilitate California's young offenders and has provided these young offenders from across the State with much-needed structure and significant vocational educational opportunities.

Presently, Solano County operates Fouts Springs on behalf of several other California counties under a special use authorization. This legislation, the Deafy Glade Land Exchange Act, will give Solano County the 82 acres that they use at Fouts Springs, and in exchange, it would give to the Mendocino National Forest 160 acres of nearby land known as Deafy Glade.

The Deafy Glade property has access to the Snow Mountain Wilderness Area, and it has been a high priority for acquisition by the Forest Service since at least the early 1990s. Last year, the Natural Resources Committee received testimony that the Deafy Glade parcels would be a key addition to the Mendocino National Forest's trail system.

Again, I want to thank the committee for its timely consideration of this legislation, and I urge all of my colleagues to support this matter when it comes before the House.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GRIJALVA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1043, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.